

2nd AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
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REMARKS

Claims 2 – 6, 9 – 13, 16, 18, 20 and 22 remain in the application. Claims 2 – 6, 9 – 13, 16, and 20 stand finally rejected. Claims 17, 18, 21 and 22 are objected to. Claims 7, 14, 15, 19 and 21 are cancelled herein without prejudice. By this amendment objected to claims 17 and 21 are rewritten as new claims 23 and 24. Claims 2 – 6, 9 – 13, 16, 18, 20 and 22 are amended to depend from new claims. The final rejection of the claims is respectfully traversed by this amendment.

Claims 17 – 18 and 21 – 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 17 and 21 have been rewritten as proposed new claims 23 and 24. Accordingly, proposed new claims 23 and 24 are allowable. No new matter has been added.

Furthermore dependent claims 2 – 6, 9 – 13, 16, 18, 20 and 22 are amended by this proposed amendment to depend from allowable claims 23 and 24. Accordingly all remaining claims are amended to be allowable by this amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the amendment to the claims be entered and the amended claims be considered.

The applicants thank the Examiner for efforts both past and present in examining the application. Believing the Application in condition for allowance, for the amendment to the claims, the applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendment, reconsider and withdraw the objection to claims 18, 21, 23 and 24, and the final rejection of claims 2 – 6, 9 – 13, 16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and allow the Application to issue.

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Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,



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